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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Greetings:

By way of a Preliminary Amendment, please enter the following amendments before initial prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 12 and 13 as follows.

3. (Amended) A [C]clamping device as [claimed]recited in [any one of C]claim[s] 1 [and 2], [characterised in that in]wherein the hollow chamber profits [(P)] of the pincer portions [(6, 10) and/or] of the grip jaws [(4, 15)] are formed integrally with the boundary walls of the hollow chamber profiles including at least one web [(18')] running transversely to [their]the grip jaws direction of actuation[are formed integrally with the boundary walls fo the hollow chamber profiles (P)].
4. (Amended) A [C]clamping device as [claimed]recited in [any one of C]claim[s] 1 [to 3], [characterised in that in]wherein a spring device [(9, 12)] forces the pincer portions [(10)] apart in addition to the biasing force.